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WHEN DR. JANE FOSTER LIFTS THE MYSTIC HAMMER MJOLNIR, SHE IS TRANSFORMED INTO THE GODDESS OF THUNDER, THE MIGHTY THOR! HER ENEMIES ARE MANY, AS ASGARD DESCENDS FURTHER INTO CHAOS AND WAR THREATENS TO SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE TEN REALMS. YET HER GREATEST BATTLE WILL BE AGAINST A FAR MORE PERSONAL FOE: THE CANCER THAT IS KILLING HER MORTAL FORM...

WHEN MALEKITH, KING OF THE DARK ELVES, LAID SIEGE TO ALFHEIM, THE REALM OF THE LIGHT ELVES, AND TOOK ITS QUEEN AS HIS CAPTIVE BRIDE, A CURTAIN OF FEAR FELL ACROSS YGGDRASIL'S BRANCHES. BUT WITH THE HELP OF THE RE-FORMED LEAGUE OF REALMS, THOR STRUCK A BLOW TO MALEKITH'S FORCES, LIBERATING QUEEN AELSA.

BUT EVEN AS HE RETREATED, MALEKITH CURSED THOR AND HER COMPATRIOTS, PROMISING THAT THE WAR OF THE REALMS HAD JUST BEGUN.

NOW, AS MALEKITH PLANS HIS NEXT CAMPAIGN, ANOTHER THREAT IS MAKING ITS WAY TOWARD ASGARDIA...

THE ASGARD/SHI'AR WAR, PART ONE:
A DAY WHICH WILL LIVE IN IMMORTAL INFAMY

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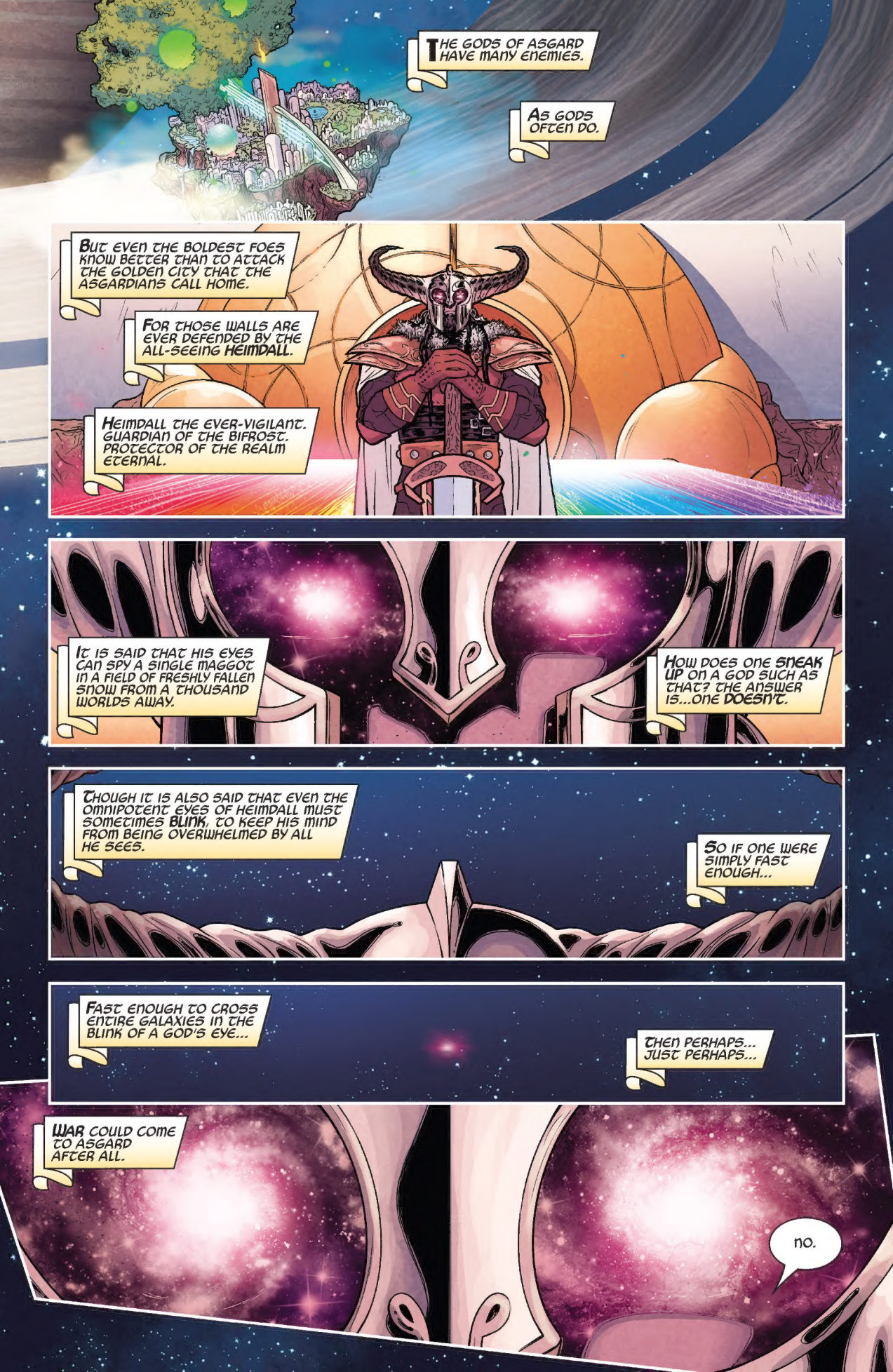
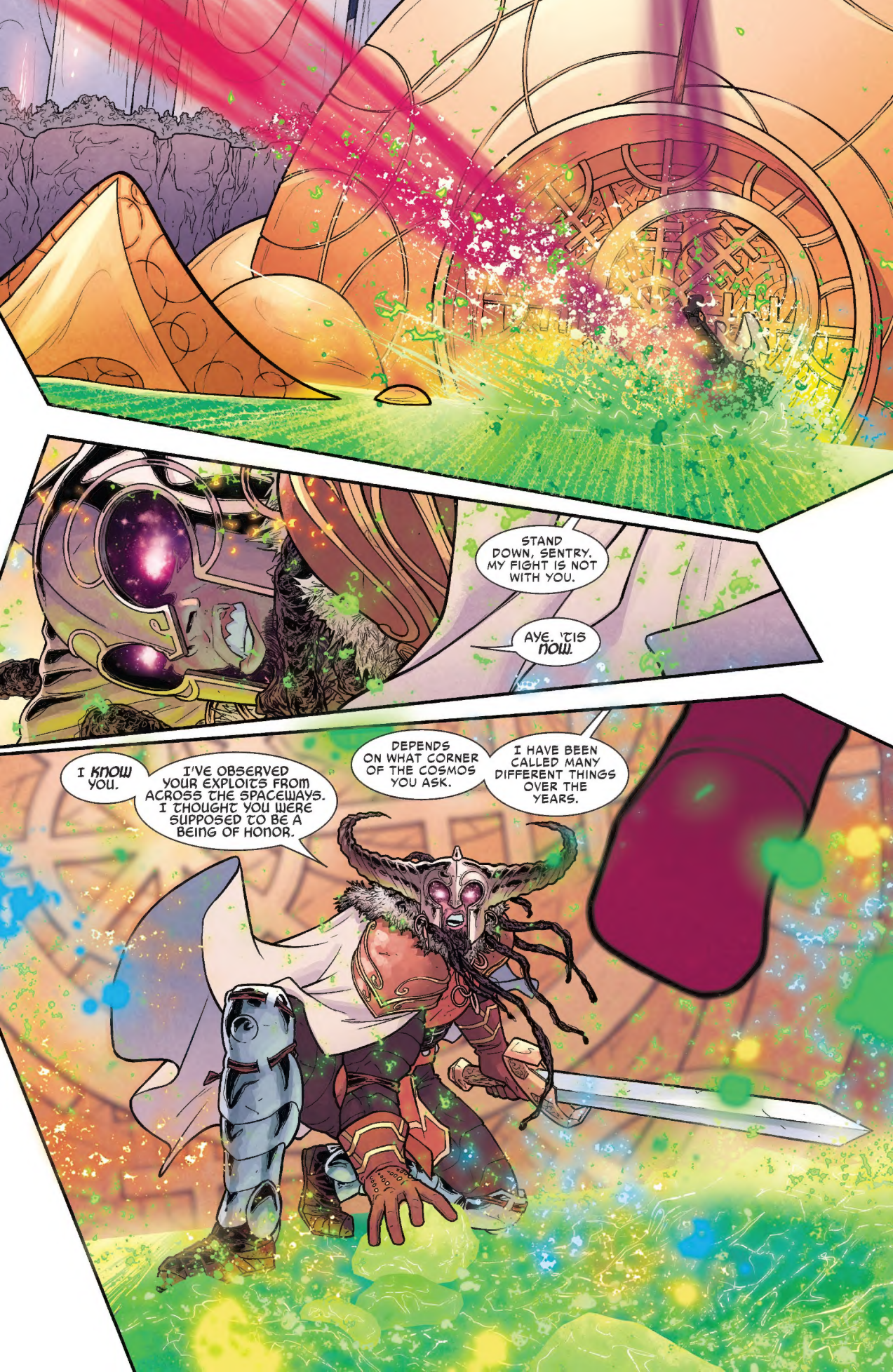

THE GODS OF ASGARD HAVE MANY ENEMIES.
AS GODS OFTEN DO.
BUT EVEN THE BOLDEST FOES KNOW BETTER THAN TO ATTACK THE GOLDEN CITY THAT THE ASGARDIANS CALL HOME.
FOR THOSE WALLS ARE EVER DEFENDED BY THE ALL-SEEING HEIMDALL.
HEIMDALL THE EVER-VIGILANT. GUARDIAN OF THE BIFROST. PROTECTOR OF THE REALM ETERNAL.
IT IS SAID THAT HIS EYES CAN SPY A SINGLE MAGGOT IN A FIELD OF FRESHLY FALLEN SNOW FROM A THOUSAND WORLDS AWAY.
HOW DOES ONE SNEAK UP ON A GOD SUCH AS THAT? THE ANSWER IS...ONE DOESN'T.
THOUGH IT IS ALSO SAID THAT EVEN THE OMNIPOTENT EYES OF HEIMDALL MUST SOMETIMES BLINK, TO KEEP HIS MIND FROM BEING OVERWHELMED BY ALL HE SEES.
SO IF ONE WERE SIMPLY FAST ENOUGH...
FAST ENOUGH TO CROSS ENTIRE GALAXIES IN THE BLINK OF A GOD'S EYE...
THEN PERHAPS... JUST PERHAPS...
WAR COULD COME TO ASGARD AFTER ALL.
NO.


STAND DOWN, SENTRY. MY FIGHT IS NOT WITH YOU.
AYE. 'TIS NOW.
I KNOW YOU.
I'VE OBSERVED YOUR EXPLOITS FROM ACROSS THE SPACEWAYS. I THOUGHT YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE A BEING OF HONOR.
DEPENDS ON WHAT CORNER OF THE COSMOS YOU ASK.
I HAVE BEEN CALLED MANY DIFFERENT THINGS OVER THE YEARS.

KALLARK OF STRONTIA.

PRAETOR OF THE IMPERIAL GUARD.

GLADIATOR.

BUT TODAY I AM HERE AS MAJESTOR OF THE SHI'AR IMPERIUM.

AND I AM ON A MISSION FROM THE *GODS*.

THEN YOU'VE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE. WE'VE PLENTY OF THOSE AROUND.

I ONLY NEED *ONE*.

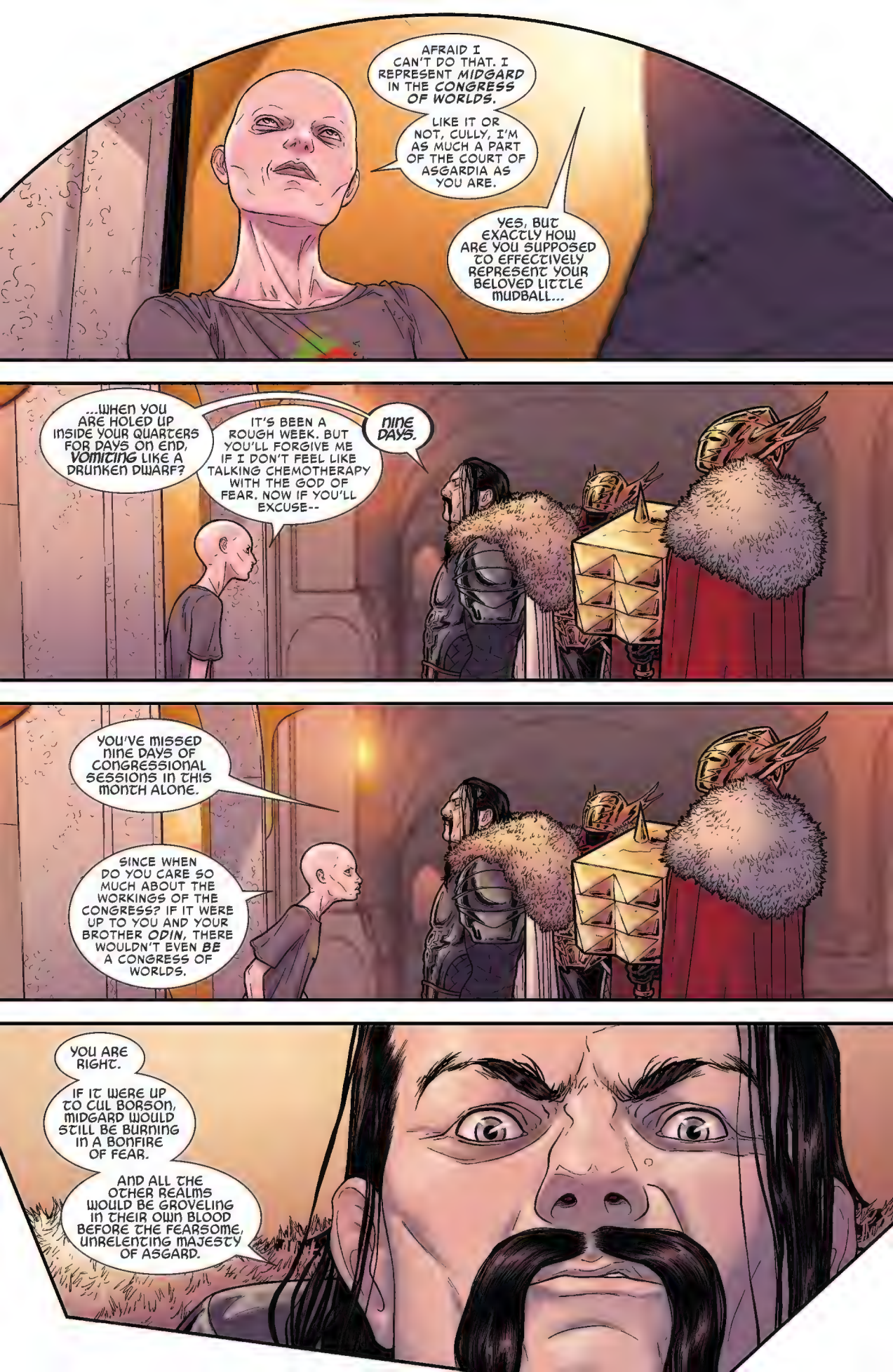
THE REST OF YOU CAN *BURN* FOR ALL I CARE.

AND *YOU* CAN EAT *RAINBOW BRIDGE!*

BUT I PROMISE YOU, GLADIATOR, ON THE EYES OF MY NINE MOTHERS...

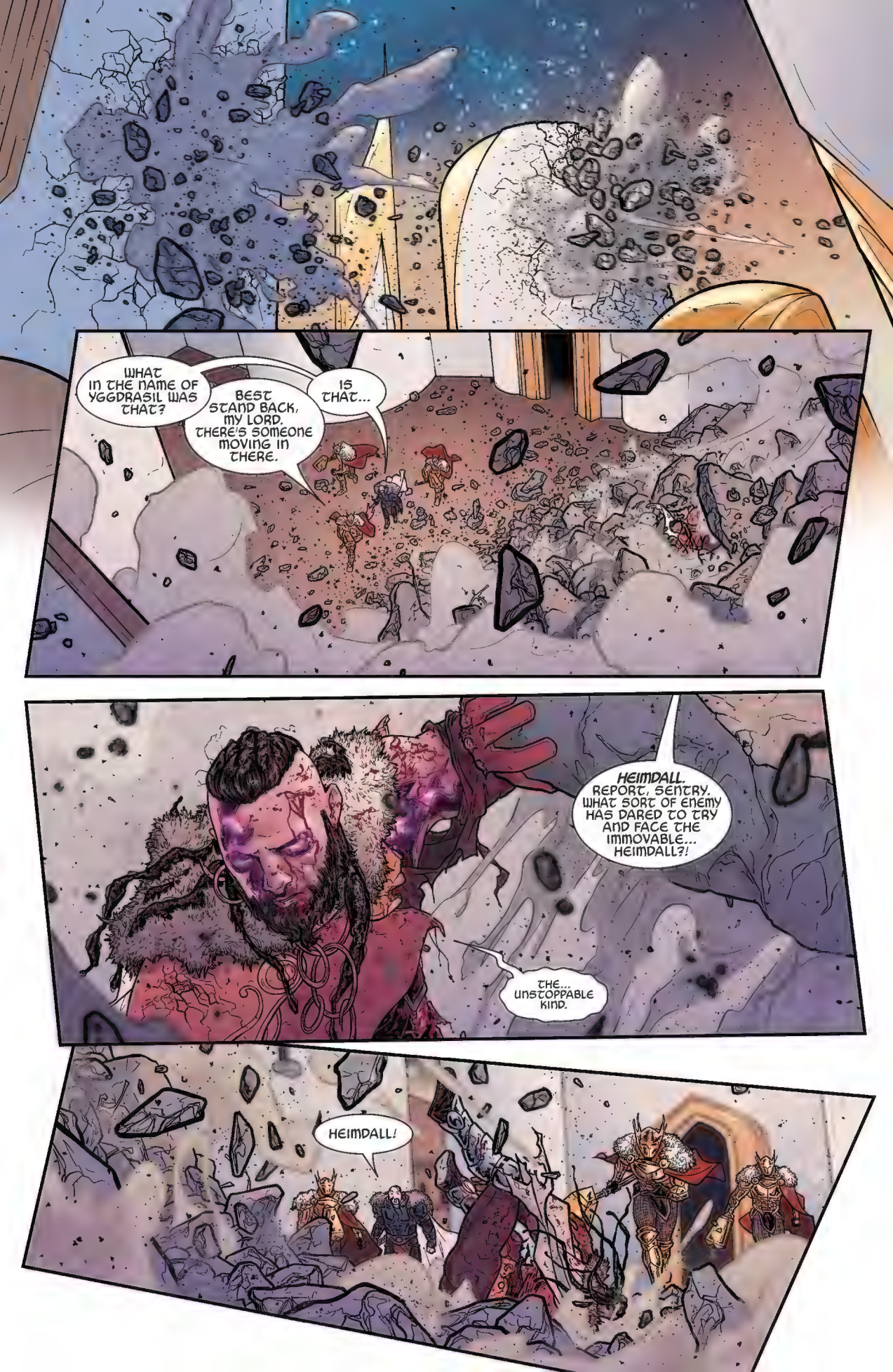
...*YOU SHALL NOT CROSS IT!*

THE RESIDENTIAL HALLS OF ASGARDIA.
WHAM WHAM WHAM
OPEN! IN THE NAME OF THE REGENT!
THIS OUGHTTA BE GOOD.
YEAH, HI. SORRY, YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD ME YOU WERE COMING BY. I WOULD'VE TRIED TO MAKE THE PLACE SMELL LESS LIKE VOMIT.
BIG GAY ICE CREAM
FRET NOT, SENATOR FOSTER, I WON'T BE LINGERING LONG.
WELL THAT'S A SHAME. WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU, CUL?
YOU CAN ADDRESS ME WITH THE PROPER RESPECT, WOMAN. AND THEN...YOU CAN LEAVE ASGARD AND NEVER RETURN.


AFRAID I CAN'T DO THAT. I REPRESENT MIDGARD IN THE CONGRESS OF WORLDS.
LIKE IT OR NOT, CULLY, I'M AS MUCH A PART OF THE COURT OF ASGARDIA AS YOU ARE.
YES, BUT EXACTLY HOW ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO EFFECTIVELY REPRESENT YOUR BELOVED LITTLE MUDBALL...
...WHEN YOU ARE HOLED UP INSIDE YOUR QUARTERS FOR DAYS ON END, VOMITING LIKE A DRUNKEN DWARF?
IT'S BEEN A ROUGH WEEK. BUT YOU'LL FORGIVE ME IF I DON'T FEEL LIKE TALKING CHEMOTHERAPY WITH THE GOD OF FEAR. NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE--
NINE DAYS.
YOU'VE MISSED NINE DAYS OF CONGRESSIONAL SESSIONS IN THIS MONTH ALONE.
SINCE WHEN DO YOU CARE SO MUCH ABOUT THE WORKINGS OF THE CONGRESS? IF IT WERE UP TO YOU AND YOUR BROTHER ODIN, THERE WOULDN'T EVEN BE A CONGRESS OF WORLDS.
YOU ARE RIGHT.
IF IT WERE UP TO CUL BORSON, MIDGARD WOULD STILL BE BURNING IN A BONFIRE OF FEAR.
AND ALL THE OTHER REALMS WOULD BE GROVELING IN THEIR OWN BLOOD BEFORE THE FEARSOME, UNRELENTING MAJESTY OF ASGARD.

BUT TIMES CHANGE. OR SO I'M TOLD. AND EVEN THE GODS MUST CHANGE WITH THEM.
IF YOUR MIDGARD *MUST* HAVE A VOICE IN THESE HALLS, IT SHOULD AT LEAST BE A VOICE NOT CHOKED ON ITS OWN PITIFUL *SICKNESS*.
YOU'RE TRYING TO GET RID OF ME. BUT IT WON'T WORK.
JUST LIKE IT DIDN'T WORK WHEN YOU LET S.H.I.E.L.D. SEARCH MY ROOM.
I'M SIMPLY DOING WHAT'S BEST FOR THE REALMS. SURELY YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THAT.
NEVER LET IT BE SAID I AM NOT A GENEROUS GOD, JANE FOSTER. YOU HAVE UNTIL THE END OF THE WEEK TO RID YOURSELF OF THIS...PESKY CANCER.
OR TO FORFEIT YOUR SEAT IN THE CONGRESS. IF YOU FAIL TO DO EITHER OF THOSE...
...OR IF YOU FINALLY HAVE THE DECENCY TO SPARE US YOUR PATHETIC SUFFERING AND *DIE*...
...I WILL FIND MY OWN MEWLING LITTLE HUMAN TO TAKE YOUR PLACE.
GOOD DAY TO YOU, LADY JANE. YOU MAY RETURN NOW TO YOUR VOMITING.

THIS ISN'T OVER, CUL! THE CONGRESS WON'T STAND FOR--
HEH. YOU OVERESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF FRIENDS YOU HAVE HERE. AND UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF FEAR.
I SAID GOOD DAY, LADY--
LORD CUL.
WORD FROM THE WATCHTOWER. THERE'S A DISTURBANCE AT THE BIFROST. ASGARDIA IS UNDER ATTACK.
BY WHOM? HOW MANY ARE THERE?
APPARENTLY... JUST ONE, MY LORD.
HA! HEAR THAT, JANE FOSTER? FOR ONCE, YOU'RE NOT THE BIGGEST FOOL IN THE REALM!
COME, LET'S SEE HOW MANY TIMES HEIMDALL HAS KILLED THIS INVADER BY NOW.
LOOK, I KNOW YOU'RE KILLING ME. I KNOW I SHOULD STOP. BUT YOU KNOW WHAT?
I'M REALLY GLAD TO SEE YOU RIGHT NOW.
BECAUSE I SUDDENLY FEEL LIKE HITTING SOMETHING.
REALLY, REALLY HARD.
ANY SUGGESTIONS?


WHAT IN THE NAME OF YGGDRASIL WAS THAT?
BEST STAND BACK, MY LORD. THERE'S SOMEONE MOVING IN THERE.
IS THAT...
HEIMDALL. REPORT, SENTRY. WHAT SORT OF ENEMY HAS DARED TO TRY AND FACE THE IMMOVABLE... HEIMDALL?!
THE... UNSTOPPABLE KIND.
HEIMDALL!

MAJESTOR TO MOTHERSHIP. OPEN THE STARGATE.
ALL THUNDER GUARDS TO ARMS! SUMMON THE MAGES! UNLEASH THE WINGED CAVALRY! ASGARD IS BEING INVADED!
NO.
YOU ARE BEING CONQUERED.

"AND IT HAS ALREADY BEGUN."

HA! *FINALLY* I GET TO PUNCH A REAL LIVE GOD IN THE FACE! QUICK, LET'S FIND SOME REALLY BIG ONES!

YOU HEARD YOUR FATHER'S ORDERS, *KID GLADIATOR*. YOU WERE NEVER SUPPOSED TO LEAVE THE SHIP!

YOU KNOW, FOR A DEATHBRINGER-CLASS *WARBIRD*, YOU'RE SURE BORING SOMETIMES, AVA'DARA.

MANTA AND STARBOLT, SECURE THE PERIMETER.

WARSTAR AND NEUTRON, WITH ME. NOW SCANNING FOR TARGET WITH PENTA-VISION.

SMASHER TO MOTHERSHIP: THE *IMPERIAL GUARD* ARE A GO.

AND SO IT WAS THAT THE CITY OF THE GODS WAS BESET BY STRANGE INVADERS FROM OUTER SPACE.

HEIMDALL! IF THEY'VE HURT MY BROTHER...
IF THEY CAN HURT HEIMDALL, THEN WE'RE ALL IN TROUBLE, LADY SIF.
MOVE ASIDE, BOYS, AND LET HILDEGARDE SHOW YOU WHAT TROUBLE LOOKS LIKE!
OR WHAT THEY WERE FIGHTING FOR, BEYOND THEIR OWN LIVES.
RRRGGGHH!!!
WARSTAR!
AND AS USUAL WHEN IT COMES TO CONFLAGRATIONS INVOLVING THE GODS, MOST COMBATANTS SEEMED UNAWARE OF WHY THE BATTLE WAS EVEN BEING WAGED.
I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO BELIEVE THIS, STRANGER, BUT I SWEAR BY THE SPIRES OF CHANDILAR, WE HAVE NO CHOICE IN WHAT HAPPENS HERE TODAY.
HOLY SUPERNOVAS-- LOOK AT THESE GUYS, WARBIRD! IF THE SHI'AR HAD GODS WITH GIANT HAMMERS, I WOULDN'T COMPLAIN SO MUCH ABOUT GOING TO CHURCH.
AND BATTLE UNPARALLELED DID RAGE.
YOU HAVE A CHOICE, BIRD WOMAN.
YOU CAN YIELD OR DIE!

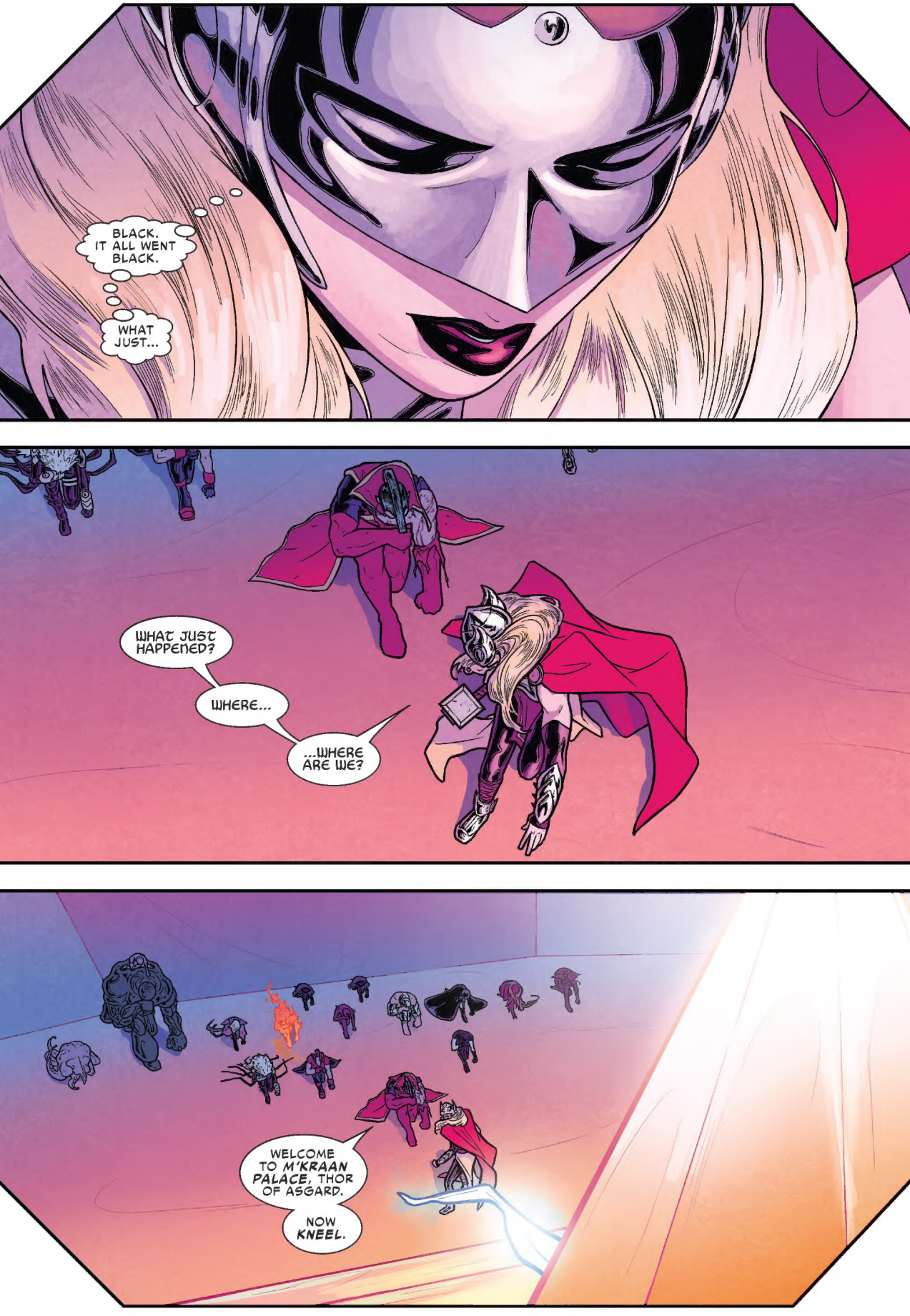
GAAAGGGHHH!
AND THE THRILL OF THE COMBAT ITSELF.
NO WORDS WERE SAID ABOUT HOW TENSIONS HAD ARISEN OR HOW THEY MIGHT BE RESOLVED.
KUBARK!
AH, THE BOY IS SOMEONE SPECIAL TO YOU? THEN YOU WILL WATCH AS HE'S FED TO TROLLS, ONE LITTLE LIMB AT A...
OR WHO, IF ANYONE, WAS TO BLAME.
UGGH!
WHATEVER THIS IS...
...IT JUST ENDED.

YOU ARE CORRECT.
MAJESTOR TO MOTHERSHIP: READY THE NEURO-CELL.
PRIME THE PLASMA CHAINS.
GAAGGHH!
WHO ARE YOU?!
YOUR RECKONING, GODDESS OF THUNDER.

WOW.
NOT SURE WHAT'S MORE SHOCKING--THIS GUY'S STRENGTH OR HIS HAIR.
MJOLNIR HAS DEFINITELY HIT HIM BEFORE. I CAN FEEL IT.
JUST WISH I COULD GOOGLE "PURPLE SKIN AND MOHAWK" TO FIND OUT WHO HE IS.
NOTE TO SELF: ASK IF THERE'S A WI-FI ENCHANTMENT FOR THE HAMMER.
RIGHT AFTER YOU'VE BEATEN THIS GUY SENSELESS WITH IT.
HRRGGH!!!

GET AWAY FROM MY DAD!
SMASHER TO ALL SUPERGUARDIANS: SWARM TO MY COORDINATES. WE HAVE THE TARGET IN SIGHT.
TARGET? YOU ARE HERE FOR ME?
BUT I HAVE NEVER EVEN SEEN YOU...
STAND DOWN, SMASHER.
I HAVE HER.
HGGGK.
THIS IS MAJESTOR GLADIATOR. ALL POWER TO THE TELEPORTERS.
ENGAGE NOW.

NO!
THEY'RE GONE. THEY ALL JUST... DISAPPEARED.
WHOEVER THEY ARE, THEY MUST HAVE POWERFUL SORCERY.
HA! THEY FLED IN FEAR ONCE THEY SAW THE MIGHT OF ASGARD.
NO. I DON'T THINK SO.
WAIT...
"...WHAT HAPPENED TO THOR?"


BLACK. IT ALL WENT BLACK.
WHAT JUST...
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
WHERE...
...WHERE ARE WE?
WELCOME TO M'KRAAN PALACE, THOR OF ASGARD.
NOW KNEEL.

KNEEL BEFORE THE GODS OF THE SHI'AR.
AND PRAY FOR MERCY.
TO BE CONTINUED.

AND LO, THERE CAME THE...
HAMMER GRAMS

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HO THERE, WARRIORS OF VALHALLA! ASSISTANT EDITOR CHARLES BEACHAM HERE TO BREATHE LIFE ONCE MORE INTO THIS, THE MIGHTIEST LETTERS PAGE YGGDRASIL HAS EVER KNOWN! IT IS MY PLEASURE TO RESPOND TO YOUR INQUIRIES AND TO BASK IN THE GLORY OF YOUR PRAISES. LET US WASTE NARY A MOMENT--ONWARD TO YOUR LETTERS!

Team Thor,

I haven't been this excited about Thor since JMS revived him in 2007. Epting's art in THE MIGHTY THOR #13 is superb. There is so much to look forward to in THOR. Thanks again to Jason Aaron for his incredible work.

Robert Espinosa

RIGHT YOU ARE ON BOTH COUNTS, ROBERT. STORIES OF MR. EPTING'S WORK WILL LONG BE TOLD IN THE HALLS OF VALHALLA. AS FAR AS THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO...MY FRIEND, THE TALES OF THOR HAVE ONLY JUST BEGUN. RETURN NEXT MONTH!

Marvel does an excellent job of representing the diversity of heroes that fight to make our world a better place, and THE MIGHTY THOR is one of my new favorites. You all really make her explode off the page and sear into my eyeballs, and I find her uncompromising righteousness invigorating in these compromised and troubling times.

Thank you, and keep up the great work!

Michael Plank

MICHAEL, YOU ARE TOO KIND. WE WORK TIRELESSLY TO WEAVE TALES OF HEROES THAT ARE RELATABLE AND FULL OF ADVENTURE. IT MEANS A LOT THAT YOU FIND JANE TO BE SO ASPIRATIONAL. SHE IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE WARRIORS, YOU KNOW. I ONLY HOPE THAT SHE FARES WELL IN THIS STRANGE SITUATION WITH THE SHI'AR!

Dear Mr. Aaron & Co.,

I'd never read a Thor story before THE MIGHTY THOR #1, but I immediately fell in love with it. From the art to the colors to the story telling, it was a perfect storm of what I think makes a great comic book. With THE UNWORTHY THOR, you seem to be doing it again, with an interesting premise, great storytelling, and wonderful artwork, all shaping up to be a worthy miniseries.

Keep up the good work, I look forward to reading past and future Thor tales, and please forgive any accidental puns I've made.

Sincerely,
Raf

RAF, WE ARE NOT WORTHY OF SUCH PRAISE. KNOW THIS, THERE ARE MANY AMAZING TALES OF THOR FOR YOU TO DEVOUR AND WE WILL FOREVER BE GRATEFUL TO KNOW THAT JANE SERVED AS YOUR INTRODUCTION. HAPPY READING.

Hello,

I would like to say that I am a big fan of Thor and the direction of her story. I can't wait to see what's next. I turned my daughter into a major fan like mommy. We can wait until the next issue. I am looking forward to when Thor finds out. I guess I will I have to keep tuning in to see what happens next.

Taneka Jackson

LADY TANEKA, YOU HONOR US WITH YOUR WORDS. IT WAS MY FATHER WHO FIRST INTRODUCED ME TO THE DELIGHTFUL WORLD OF COMICS, SO IT WARMS MY HEART TO HEAR OF OTHER PARENTS ALSO PASSING THAT LOVE ON TO THEIR CHILDREN. MAY YOU CONTINUE TO BOND OVER HIGH ADVENTURE, KNOWING THAT WE TAKE OUR DUTY TO PROVIDE YOU AND YOUR DAUGHTER WITH QUALITY STORIES MOST SERIOUSLY.

I've been keeping up with The Mighty Thor for a while now, and I love what you've done with Jane. Fighting cancer is hard enough, but having a double life as a super hero at the same time? I've only ever seen Jane in the MCU movies and I've always thought she was far too underdeveloped. I'm glad to see you doing something great with her, both as a hero and as a member of that council.

I've always wondered how Mjolnir chooses who is considered worthy to wield it. It makes so much sense that it is sentient. I can't wait to see its origins revealed.

Honestly I thought that the Jane clone was Loki. Except I couldn't figure out why Loki would help Jane.

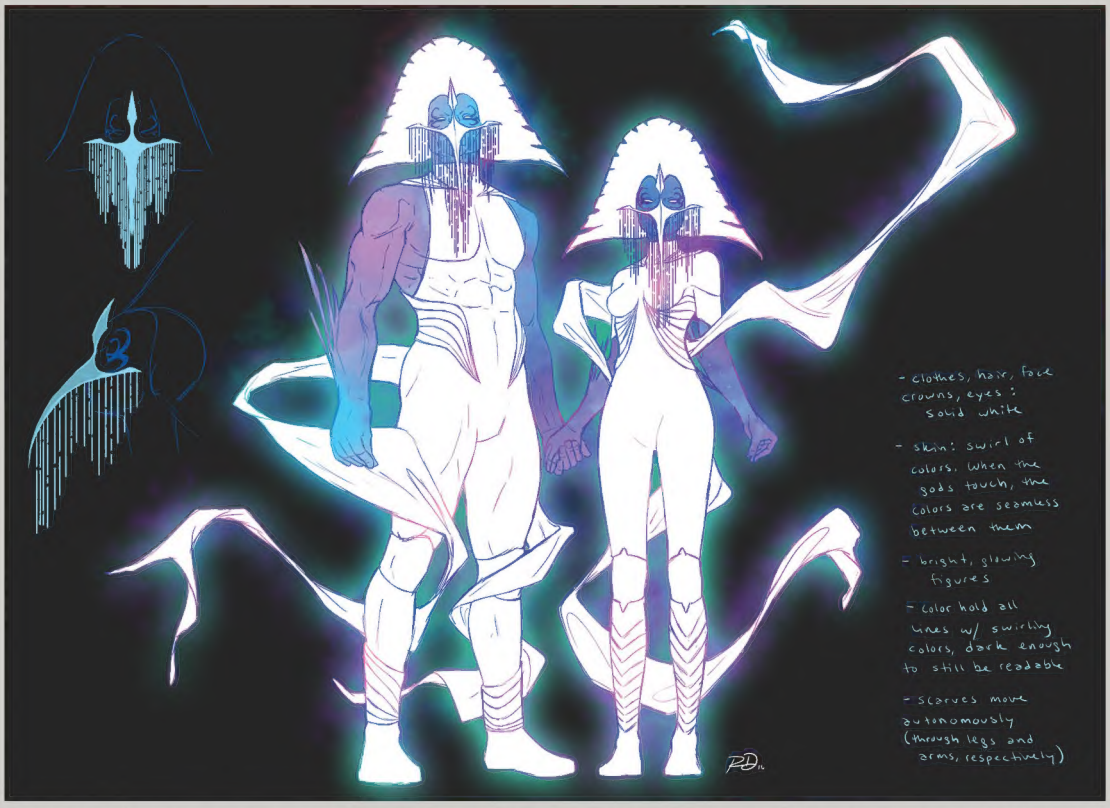
It's really hilarious what you did with those agents. I almost feel bad for them. They managed to figure out the identities of both Thor and Daredevil but no one is likely to ever believe them because Jane has cancer and Daredevil is blind.

As a person with a disability I really appreciate what you've done. Jane Foster is a wonderful role model who proves that we can overcome our perceived limitations. Thanks a ton for this awesome series!

Wadzi
London, UK

WADZI, MY FRIEND, WE BELIEVE THAT TRUE HEROES COME IN ALL SHAPES, COLORS, SIZES, AND FROM ALL DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE AND WE TRY TO MAKE SURE OUR STORIES SHOW THAT. WE'RE GLAD TO SEE IT'S COMING ACROSS AND THAT YOU'VE FOUND A CONNECTION WITH JANE.

IT SEEMS OUR TIME HAS COME TO AN END. BEFORE I TAKE MY LEAVE, PLEASE LET ME SHARE WITH YOU THESE AMAZING CHARACTER DESIGNS FOR THE SHI'AR GODS BY THE AMAZING RUSSEL DAUTERMAN.


- clothes, hair, face crowns, eyes: solid white
- skin: swirl of colors. When the gods touch, the colors are seamless between them
- bright, glowing figures
- color hold all lines w/ swirling colors, dark enough to still be readable
- scarves move autonomously (through legs and arms, respectively)

FOR WHAT REASON HAVE THE SHI'AR ABDUCTED THE MIGHTY THOR? FIND OUT NEXT MONTH IN:

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